

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A reinforcing member ~~which~~that is integrally cast with a cast metal, comprising:

a material ~~which~~that is different from the cast metal; and

a hollow portion that is a closed space having no member therein.

2. (Original) The reinforcing member according to claim 1, the reinforcing member comprising:

a stacked structure having plated members;

openings formed at the plated members, the openings forming the hollow portion; and members laminated on both surfaces of the stacked structure and covering the openings.

3. (Previously Presented) The reinforcing member according to claim 1, the reinforcing member comprising:

a porous body covering a portion of the reinforcing member or overall surfaces of the reinforcing member.

4. (Original) The reinforcing member according to claim 3,

wherein the porous body is composed of a porous fibrous material of metal fiber.

5. (Previously Presented) An engine block comprising:

a journal portion for which the reinforcing member recited in claim 1 is used.

6. (Currently Amended) A production method for a reinforcing member having a hollow portion that is a closed space having no member therein ~~which~~that is integrally cast with the cast metal, comprising:

stacking plated members having openings; and

laminating the plated members on an upper member and a lower member of the stacked plated members so as to cover the openings.

7. (Original) The production method for a reinforcing member according to claim 6, wherein the production method further comprising:
covering a portion of the reinforcing member or overall surfaces of the reinforcing member with a porous body.

8. (Original) The production method for a reinforcing member according to claim 7, wherein the porous body is composed of a porous fibrous material of metal fiber.